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1. A directive issued 20 July 1947 by Col. Gen. Shikin, Chief of the Central Political Directorate of the Armed Forces of the USSR, to Maj. Gen. Andreev, Chief of the Political Directorate of SMA, and Lt. Gen. Makarov, Deputy to the Commander in Chief, SMA, for Political Affairs, calls attention to unsatisfactory conditions among SMA personnel and orders immediate improvement. Pertinent portions of this directive are summarized in this report.
 2. Investigation has revealed important deficiencies in the work of the Political Directorate, SMA, and the Political Affairs Division. SMA, their subordinate organs and party organizations. SMA political workers do not understand nor fulfill their responsibilities. Political indoctrination of enlisted men is deficient, there has not been proper training in Bolshevik security, political consciousness, and the duties of a Soviet citizen. Large numbers of SMA personnel are not trying to improve their political outlook and fail to understand Soviet policy in Germany. Responsible members of SMA are not participating in political education work; they display no initiative in preparing lectures; they are only halfhearted in their duty to mobilize their personnel to attend lectures.
 3. Political organs of SMA are not collaborating with other divisions of SMA, they have not yet adopted a stand on the level of industry or the payment of reparations. The Political Directorate apparently has not bothered to examine the work of subordinate organs, mistakes have gone uncorrected. Party meetings and activities have not been used for political indoctrination and Bolshevik self-criticism has been lacking. The training program for young Communists, Komsomols, and non-party youth is completely unsatisfactory.
 4. As a result military discipline is in a sad state, innumerable breaches and flagrant incidents occur daily. More than half the infractions are by party members. Military personnel fail to adhere to Soviet army regulations and consequently make a poor military showing.

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5. The Political Directorate has taken no positive measures to prevent a part of the Soviet people from succumbing to bourgeois culture. Measures should have been taken to indoctrinate those susceptible. The Political Directorate has failed to realize the danger to our policy in Germany from the moral decay of some of our people. Fraternization with the German population has even extended to officers and has led to demoralization. Under such circumstances it is not strange that half of the SMA personnel returned to the USSR have been sent back because of drunkenness or moral abuses. The Political Directorate and its organs have often assumed a lenient attitude toward persons whose moral and political conduct are subject to question.
6. Many members of SMA have completely withdrawn from political work and are living in seclusion. They do not give their children proper political indoctrination to supplement their regular school work. Older children are allowed to attend German movies, variety shows, and other entertainment. They are permitted to listen to foreign broadcasts and are submitted to the decomposing influences of bourgeois society. Schools and families have made no attempt to counteract this bourgeois influence.
7. SMA personnel has not been properly instructed in the duty of guarding Soviet property. Certain individuals have taken advantage of the lack of control to enrich themselves at the government's expense. These offenders have not been brought to justice.
8. The Political Directorate has not complied with Directive #16 of the Ministry of Armed Forces. Little effort has been made to insure proper feeding of enlisted personnel. There is no coordination between the political workers and the supply corps on this matter. Food served to enlisted personnel does not conform with Soviet Army regulations and their barracks, kitchens, and mess halls are in bad sanitary condition.
9. To correct these deficiencies General Makarov and General Andreev are instructed to indoctrinate SMA personnel in the political and economic aims of the USSR in Germany and to teach them their individual responsibilities to their country in their mission in Germany. Political work must be properly organized in the Economic Directorate to exercise control over German industrial enterprises, increase their production, and improve the quantity and quality of reparations.
10. Conduct of SMA personnel on duty and at home must be regulated in a Bolshevik manner, officers and technical personnel must be given Marxist-Leninist indoctrination, the education program for enlisted men accelerated, and dependents indoctrinated to increase their love and loyalty to the Soviet Fatherland.
11. The entire political program must be reorganized. Stress must be put on the educational role of party meetings and the individual responsibility of each Communist Party member. All political workers must see to it that proper food and quarters are furnished to enlisted men and officers. An end must be put to the illegal appropriation of Soviet property in Germany. Violators must be punished. There must be no leniency shown to SMA workers who lead an immoral and anti-Soviet life.

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